

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

On the Senate, on the 21st, house bill to

relieve mortgage and note from double

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MISSISSIPPI MATTERS.

Choctaws May Emigrate.

The Aberdeen Examiner calls attention

to the fact that the investigation

of the Dawes commission, now at work

identifying the Mississippi Choctaws is

the result of an amendment made by

Senator Walthall. The last report from the

commission was to the effect that nearly

700 of the Choctaws had been identi-

fied. In order to avail themselves of

the benefits of the law, however, these

Choctaws must remove to the Territory,

where an allotment of lands among the

Choctaw nation is soon to take

place. The Choctaws of the nation

have repeatedly endeavored to get their

prospects of securing good lands

and being placed in reach of good

schools, where thousands of their fel-

low-tribesmen are learning the white

man's ways and making comfortable

livings as farmers, may induce many of

the identified Choctaws to emigrate to

the Territory.

Killed in Court.

Louis Norvell, a young man 22 years

old, was shot and killed by R. B. Camp-

bell, a deputy sheriff, in Judge Z. M.

Stephens' courtroom at Hernando last

Sunday night. Judge Stephens was in

the court at the time, and probably fifty

persons were in the courtroom and wit-

nessed the tragedy. Norvell was under

indictment in DeSoto county for mur-

der. He was accused of being impli-

cated in the killing of three deputy

sheriffs, near Horn Lake on May 18,

1898. Attorneys who had been ap-

pointed to represent him sued out a

writ of habeas corpus, and this is why

he was in court. Judge Stephens had

just released him on his own recogni-

zance, on account of the character of

the evidence which had been intro-

duced, and he was shot by Campbell

before he left the courtroom.

Texas Wants to Buy Cattle.

Texas cattle dealers are flooding Mis-

issippi with letters every day making

application to buy cattle. There seems

to be an unusual scarcity of cattle in

that State, and dealers are looking to

Mississippi and neighboring States for

stock cattle. Few, if any, of the

Texas dealers are being accepted as yet,

and there is a growing disposition on

the part of Mississippi farmers to hold

their stock and feed them at home for

market.

Another Victory for the State.

State Revenue Agent Adams gained

another victory in the supreme court

last week in the tax litigation against

the Illinois Central. This was the de-

cision of the second appeal of the case

which has been pending before that

court for several weeks. The court de-

cided every point in the controversy in

favor of the revenue agent. The suit

involves \$500,000 of taxes against the

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad.

Mayor of Greenwood Dead.

Hon. E. L. Miller, mayor of Green-

wood, died last week. He was about

45 years old and was born and reared

near Waterford, Marshall county, where

his remains were taken for burial.

The Masons, Old Fellows

and Knights of Pythias, of which or-

ders he was a member, sent committees

along with his remains, as did also the

city council, out of respect to his mem-

ory.

Smallpox at Maudslawville.

Smallpox has become epidemic in the

ANTI-AMERICAN DECREE.

Another Specimen of the Methods

Used by the Filipinos to Bol-

ster Up their Blunder.

ALL CIVILIZED PEOPLES WILL SMILE.

Absolute Quiet Maintained in Manila—The

Losses by Fire in the Suburbs—The

Garrison for Cebu—Commissioners Re-

port that Eight Thousand Filipinos at

Manila are Anxious to Surrender.

Hong Kong, Feb. 28.—The Filipino

government has issued another viru-

lent and anti-American decree, in

which the following passages occur:

"The American guns respect neither

honor or property, but barbarously

plunder women and children.

"Manila has witnessed the most hor-

rible outrages, confiscating the prop-

erty and savings of the people at the

point of the bayonet, and shooting

the defenseless, accompanied by odious

acts of abduction, repugnant to

barbarism and racial hatred worse

than the doings in Cydonia. Unless

you conjure a holy war for indepen-

dence, you are only worthy to be

slaves and pharisees. Proclaim before

the civilized world that you will fight

to the death against American treach-

ery and brutal force. Even the women

should, if necessary,

"American professions and promises

are pure hypocrisy. They cover the

spoils of this patrimony of our race,

wishing to impart here a more irri-

tating and barbarous dominion than

in the past."

In and Around Manila.

Manila, Feb. 27, 11:55 a. m.—Except

for an occasional volley of shots and

individual firing by the rebels from

the jungle near Calocan, along the river

and in the vicinity of San Pedro Mac-

ti, all was quiet along the entire line

Sunday night. The enemy's sharp-

shooters at Calocan continue to annoy

the soldiers in the day time, but the

Americans no longer pay much atten-

tion to them, reserving their fire un-

til the rebels appear in the open in

sufficient force to justify a volley or

an occasional shot.

During the night the men are

accustomed to the enemy's salutes,

and a majority of them remain undis-

turbed, secured by the outposts and

sentries.

Absolute Quiet in Manila.

In Manila absolute quiet prevails;

the streets are deserted, and the only

sounds to be heard after seven o'clock

in the evening are the tramp of the

patrols and sentries, and the occa-

sional clatter of the hoofs of the occa-

sional horse.

The insurance companies, after a

conference, have decided to accept war

risks at an additional premium of 3%

per cent. per month.

An idea of the extent of the loss by

fires in the suburbs of Manila since

Wednesday may be obtained from the

figures herewith. Sixty buildings of

stone, and 150 substantial wooden

structures, with iron roofs, were de-

stroyed. In addition, 8,000 (nips)-

houses of the natives were burned.

The Garrison for Cebu.

New York, Feb. 28.—A dispatch to

the Herald from Manila says: The bat-

talion that has sailed in the transport

Pennsylvania for the island of Cebu is

commanded by Maj. Goddard, with Lieut.

Goddard, as adjutant, and Lieut. McNab

ON A QUESTIONABLE MISSION.

American Filibusters Going to South

America—Their Exact Destination Care-

fully Concealed from the Public.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—The first

detachment of the filibustering expedi-

tion organized here for an invasion of

Central America left Kansas City at

10:20 o'clock last night. The soldiers

of fortune numbered about 150, and

were provided for in four special

coaches, which were attached to the

regular south-bound passenger train

on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Mem-

phis road.

William G. Thompson, former cap-

tain of Co. D, Fifth Missouri volun-

teers, was in command. On the same

train, as regular passengers, were

Capt. George P. Whitsett, late of Co.

G. F. H., Missouri volunteers; Capt. A.

M. Casey, late of Co. M, Third Missou-

ri, and T. A. Witten, a lawyer, who is

now active in recruiting the adventur-

ers.

Expect to Take Ship at Mobile.

The filibusters expect to take ship

at Mobile or New Orleans, though on

this point the majority of them have

not been fully advised,